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Ms. Wendy Wiles, Director  
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Subject: Approval of the Oregon Nonpoint Source Management Program Plan

Dear Ms. Wiles:

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) submitted the Oregon Nonpoint Source Management Plan (plan) on June 18, 2015. Following our review, EPA is ~~pleased to approve~~ the plan. This plan is generally consistent with key components for effective state NPS management programs referenced in EPA's *Nonpoint Source Program and Grants Guidelines* (April, 2013).

The plan describes how Oregon's NPS programs will protect and improve water quality in Oregon over the next 5 years through process improvement, program integration, watershed prioritization and commitment to measurable goals (in both its plan and the annual grant workplans). EPA encourages Oregon to work towards setting measurable goals and milestones in its annual workplans, continuing to build effective partnerships, and improving its framework to ensure Section 319 funding, technical support and other resources will be directed to Oregon's priority water quality issues and nonpoint source (NPS) watershed projects. EPA also recommends that Oregon begin the process of updating its next NPS plan early and consider our recommendations contained on the enclosed checklist on improving the future NPS plan update.

We also look forward to supporting Oregon in implementing the plan to protect healthy waters, restore impaired waters and improve water quality throughout Oregon and in meeting its water quality performance measures and goals. If you have any comments or questions, please

feel free to call me at (206) 553-4198, or you may call Alan Henning (541) 687-7360 or Jayne Carlin (206-553-8512) of my staff, ~~at (541) 687-7360.~~

Sincerely,

Daniel D. Opalski, Director  
Office of Water

Enclosure: Key Components of an Effective State Nonpoint Source Management Program  
Checklist: Oregon

cc: Mr. Eugene Foster, Watershed Management Section Manager, ODEQ (via email)  
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